

App. No. 09/898781
Pre. Amd. Dated June 25, 2004

REMARKS

Claim 3 is hereby amended. Claims 35-38 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claim 59 is new. No new matter has been added. Claims 1-34 and 39-59 are pending.

Applicants respectfully request that the preliminary amendment described herein be entered into the record prior to examination and consideration of the above-identified application.

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicants' primary attorney-of record, Douglas P. Mueller (Reg. No. 30,300), at (612) 371.5237.

Respectfully submitted,

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